

**Delta In Channel Islands Work Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2004**  
**State Lands Commission Office 100 Howe Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sacramento**  
**9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**1. Welcome/Minutes of Last Meeting/Announcements**

- March 17 meeting summary: approved with Rick Morat's suggested changes. 1) Item 3. second sentence was changed to read: "Mr. Morat suggested an agenda and process for the discussion which the group accepted." 2) Item 3. add a last sentence to read: "The group brainstormed 'where could we go from here' and identified 12 possibilities. Group voting identified 'Inventory' as the preferred activity."
- Margit Aramburu described AB 2476
- Richard Nichols is working on an abstract that is due June 4.

**2. DCI Mission**

- Where do we go now?  
The group discussed the direction of the last meeting, and the general support for an inventory of Delta Channel Islands. The group discussed the need to develop broader context for studying protecting, and enhancing the Delta In-Channel Islands.

Chris Kjelsen suggested a discussion paper to be released to the public; he noted that the islands are a unique part of the California landscape and they are disappearing. The islands also help protect the Delta levees from erosion. The islands are tied into ecosystem values, recreation, aesthetics, and history of the Delta. He said he would continue to work on a strategic plan/vision paper for the islands. He also suggested seeking funds to publish a small handbook which would describe and illustrate the outcomes of the channel island project and studies.

Margit Aramburu suggested this action as a tie-in to the end of the CALFED grant. She noted there is not broad support for levee issues.

Kent Nelson noted that DWR has made great videos of projects, and suggested seeking funds for a video to tell the story of the in-channel islands.

Further discussion of a strategic plan led to ideas for an outline:

- Levees
- Recreation
- Ecological values
- Historical values
- Overview

Rick Morat suggested a facilitated process.

***Outcome: Professor Kjeldsen and Rick Morat will start work on a draft strategic plan, that will be followed by an action plan.***

*Outcome: Rick will call DFG and ask for participation.*

*Outcome: Margit will call SLC and ask for participation.*

### **3. Old Business**

- Boat wake information discussion

Richard Nichols called the PI, Reinhard Flick, who offered to provide references and other information that may relate to DICCI goals. He will attend meetings when possible. Boat wake research is not considered complete until a high water year can be included in the study.

Margit Aramburu said she said forwarded a copy of DBW's consultant's study to Curt Schmutte some time ago.

*Outcome: Margit will forward study to Marcia Brockbank*

### **4. Final Report on the Three Islands Due June 2004**

- Progress Report:
  - Chris Kjeldsen is still working on drawings.
  - Gil Cosio said the maintenance funds need to be spent before end of June.
- Lessons Learned, case for action on need for continued monitoring
  - Margit Aramburu noted CALFED had approved a contract with SeaGrant Program at the last meeting

*Outcome: Margit to email to Kim Taylor about monitoring.*

- Small Grants for Manual
  - Marcia Brockbank said an RFP will be released in August
- Grants for Monitoring
- Boat Trip
  - All agreed this is a good idea; perhaps Fall of 2004; and in Summer or Fall of 2005
  - Group discussed public outreach/education by sponsoring a trip each year.

### **5. Amendment to NFWF Contract on Webb Tract #3**

- No meeting yet
- Jeff Hart and Chris Kjeldsen working on modified schematic above and below water surface to mimic flood debris piling up in the Delta [see handout]
- There are several issues including technical: what can be built, and what is the value to fisheries.

*Outcome: Jeff Hart will take design to DFG for fishery biologist to review.*

### **6. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

- Wednesday, June 23, 2 pm to 4 pm at State Lands Commission offices.